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The Woodlands Township Board holds first meeting in revised format

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (January 21, 2013) - The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held its first monthly Board meeting of the year, Thursday, January 17, 2013, at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, at 9 a.m. The meeting introduced the Township's revised meeting structure, which includes two meetings per month instead of one workshop and one meeting. The first meeting of the month is held on the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. The second meeting is held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Both meetings are held at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, 2801 Technology Forest Blvd, The Woodlands, Texas 77381.

The Board received a law enforcement report, heard village association reports and made determination on several agenda items. Summaries for these activities can be found under this link: http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=38.

The Board approved the following **consent agenda** items:

- Minutes of the November 8, 2012 Board Workshop, November 8, 2012 Board Planning Retreat, November 14, 2012 Regular Board Meeting and December 6, 2012 Regular Board Meeting for the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township;
- Village Association Service Agreements;
- Amended 2013 meeting calendar for The Woodlands Township Board of Directors;
- Resolution supporting the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and Local Park Grant Program and the Texas State Park System;
- Conveyance of streetscape improvements in Town Center and the acceptance of maintenance obligations;
- Acceptance of a temporary pathway easement that connects the East Shore neighborhood to The Waterway and Town Center;
- Conveyance of Village of Sterling Ridge, Sec. 68, ROSRs A, B, C, E, F, and G; Sec. 83, ROSRs A, B, and D; Village of Creekside Park, Sec. 9 ROSRs A, B, E, and F; Sec. 18, ROSR B and ROSR A (Lake Voyageur Pond Park);
- Support for a resolution for Wills for Heroes legislation;

The Board considered and acted on the following **regular agenda** items:

- Accepted a report from Retirement Horizons regarding The Woodlands Firefighters TLLFRA pension plan and authorize the President/General Manager to take steps to educate employees in connection therewith;
- Approved the 2013 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects and authorized

the President/General Manager to approve progress payments, invoices, draws and reimbursements in connection therewith;

- Received and approved a quarterly update from The Woodlands Convention and Visitors Bureau;

- Authorized the President/General Manager of The Woodlands Township and the President of The Woodlands Convention & Visitors Bureau to negotiate an agreement with World Triathlon Corporation to bring Iron Girl to The Woodlands and bring back to both Boards, respectively, in February 2013 for final approval;

- Approved a tax abatement agreement with CB&I;

- Approved the 2013 swimming pool schedule and was moved to Consent Agenda;

- Approved an update to The Woodlands Township Personnel Policy Manual regarding recruitment and was moved to Consent Agenda;

- Approved a contract renewal with The Goodman Corporation for transportation consulting services for the 2013 calendar year (as recommended by the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee);

- Approved membership in the Transportation Advocacy Group (as recommended by the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee);

- Pulled an Agenda item to discuss revisions to Township Board Committee policies regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act (as recommended by the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee) and will be placed on the January 23, 2013 Regular Agenda;

- Approved an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Montgomery County to provide fuel for the law enforcement contract;

- Received an update regarding the February 2013 Board Retreat;

- Approved changes to The Woodlands Township pay schedule;

- Approved a motion to direct The Woodlands Rowing Club and Parati Rowing Club to mediate with the U.S. Rowing Association the sharing of an existing boathouse located at Northshore Park within the next 30 days and in the event that mediation is not accomplished and is not successful, the following requests were made:

    - Township staff is request to consult with legal counsel and pursue all legal remedies available to The Woodlands Township to protect the Township's lease interests at Northshore Park.
    - Township is requested to enter into a month to month lease agreement with Parati Rowing for temporary use of the boathouse located on The Waterway. This lease agreement will terminate in four months after creation of the lease. Staff is directed to negotiate terms of the lease and bring the lease back to the Board of Directors when it is ready for consideration.

These items will be considered at the **January 23, 2013 Board meeting**:

- Presentation regarding fees and charges for recreation facilities, pools, programs and services;
- Policy concerning the placement of American flags at park entrances;
- Annual review of The Woodlands Township's Investment Policy, including any revisions, and adoption of a Resolution Adopting Investment Policies and Guidelines for The Woodlands Township;
- Authorization of an investment in a certificate of deposit with a two-year maturity;

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